

INTERNATIONAL

PRO-GAZA PROTEST
Protesters
occupy univ
buildings in
Dutch cities

REUTERS, Amsterdam

Pro-Palestinian protesters yesterday occupied university buildings in the Dutch cities of Amsterdam, Groningen and Eindhoven, condemning Israel's offensive in Gaza, the Dutch protest group behind the action said in a statement.

A spokesperson for the University of Amsterdam (UvA) confirmed the occupation and said it advised people who are not affiliated with the protest to leave the building.

The Eindhoven University of Technology confirmed that there were "dozens of students peacefully protesting outside next to ten to 15 tents". Students in the Netherlands have been protesting against Israel's offensive in Gaza since last Monday and Dutch riot police previously clashed with protesters at the University of Amsterdam.



Men, women, and children queue to receive food rations from a public kitchen in Deir el-Balah in the central Gaza Strip yesterday. Israeli operations in Rafah, which borders Egypt, have closed a main crossing point for aid, which humanitarian groups say is worsening an already dire situation. PHOTO: AFP

LEBANON'S TH
Hezbollah
claims strikes
that hurt
Israeli soldiers

AFP, Beirut

Lebanon's Iran-backed Hezbollah group yesterday claimed responsibility for a strike that Israel said wounded four soldiers in the country's north, the latest cross-border fire in more than seven months of clashes.

Israel and Hamas ally Hezbollah have exchanged near-daily fire following the Israel's offensive in Gaza since October 7.

Hezbollah fighters fired "a guided missile" at an Israeli Merkava tank across the border yesterday morning, destroying it "after closely monitoring the enemy's movements," the group said in a statement.

The Israeli army said "two anti-tank missiles" crossed from Lebanon into the area of Yiftah, a kibbutz community less than two kilometres (1.2 miles) from the border.

The missiles wounded four Israeli soldiers, the army said, one of them moderately and the rest lightly. Earlier yesterday, Hezbollah said it launched "a swarm of explosive drones" targeting tents and "sleeping quarters" for an Israeli artillery battalion.

1,000 Hamas members
hospitalised in Turkey

Claims Turkey's Erdogan, says US, Europe not doing enough to pressure Israel into Gaza truce

REUTERS, Ankara

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said yesterday that more than 1,000 members of the Palestinian group Hamas were being treated in hospitals across Turkey, reiterating his stance that Hamas was a "resistance movement".

Speaking at a press conference after talks with Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis in Ankara, Erdogan also said he was saddened by the Greek view that deems Hamas a terrorist organisation.

On Sunday evening, Erdogan said that the United States and European countries were not doing enough to pressure Israel to agree a ceasefire in Gaza, after Palestinian group Hamas' move to accept a truce proposal.

Turkey has denounced Israel's attacks on Gaza, called for an immediate ceasefire, and criticised what it calls unconditional support for Israel by the West.

Ankara has halted all trade with Israel and said it had decided to join South Africa's initiative to have Israel tried for genocide at the International Court of Justice (ICJ).

Speaking to Muslim scholars in Istanbul, Erdogan said on Sunday evening that Hamas had accepted a ceasefire proposal by Qatar and Egypt in a "step in the path toward a lasting ceasefire", but Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government did not want the offensive to end.

"The response of the Netanyahu government was to attack the innocent people in Rafah," he said, referring to the Gaza city that Israel is targeting. "It has become clear who sides with peace and dialogue, and who wants clashes continuing and more bloodshed."

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Says President Erdogan

"And did Netanyahu see any serious reaction for his spoiled behaviour? No. Neither Europe nor America showed a reaction that would force Israel into a ceasefire."

Erdogan's intelligence chief Ibrahim Kalin met with Hamas leaders in Doha on Sunday to discuss ceasefire talks and the access of humanitarian aid into Gaza, a Turkish security source said.

Israel's military conduct in Gaza has come under increasing scrutiny in recent weeks, as the civilian death toll and devastation in the enclave mount.

India, Iran sign
deal to develop
port project

AFP, Tehran

India and Iran yesterday signed a 10-year contract to develop and equip the strategic Chabahar port in Iran as India seeks to grow trade in west and central Asia.

The agreement will give India 10-year access to use the port, located close to Iran's southeastern border with Pakistan, according to Iran's Ministry of Roads and Urban Development.

The contract will in turn see India Ports Global Limited (IPGL) invest \$370 million into "providing strategic equipment" and "developing the transport infrastructure of the port". Iran's urban development minister Mehrdad Bazrpush and India's ports and shipping minister Sarbananda Sonowal signed contract in the town of Chabahar.

India in 2016 agreed to finance the development of the Iranian port as a trading hub for central Asia as Prime Minister Narendra Modi sought to revive economic ties with Tehran.

Modi and former Iranian president Hassan Rouhani oversaw the signing of a memorandum of understanding for the provision of a line of credit from India's EXIM Bank to develop the port.

The development of the port however stalled, despite waivers to sanctions that the United States began re-imposing in 2018 after withdrawing from a landmark 2015 nuclear deal with Iran.

'We will make
Pakistan wear
bangles'
Modi tells polls rally

TNN, New Delhi

Mincing no words, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday attacked the opposition INDIA bloc, calling its leaders "cowards" who were "scared of Pakistan's nuclear power". During an election rally in Bihar's Muzaffarpur, Modi made a veiled reference to a remark recently made by National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah, without mentioning him by name. "The INDIA bloc seems to have leaders who are scared of Pakistan and have nightmares of its nuclear power," he said. The remarks come in the backdrop of comments by Abdullah about Pakistan having atom bombs and not wearing bangles. "If Pakistan does not wear bangles, we will make the country wear these. I knew they did not have foodgrains. Now, I come to know they do not even have adequate supply of bangles," he said. "But, we must look carefully at the opposition which seems to be full of cowards and timid people, who give a clean chit to Pakistan on terrorism, raise doubts on surgical strikes... their Left allies even want our nuclear arsenal to be dismantled," he said. In an earlier rally, Modi highlighted the significant increase in funds recovered by Enforcement Directorate during his tenure. He emphasised that the money belonged to the poor and reiterated his commitment to preventing the opposition from giving away reservations to Muslims for vote bank politics.

DB officer points

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A DB team led by Sub-Inspector (SI) Rezaul Karim went to Saudi expat Nurul Alam Nuru's house to arrest him after a case was filed against him for misappropriating gold ornaments sent by another expat, Abdul Quddus, several months ago.

Quddus, who is now in Bangladesh, filed the case with Brahmanbaria Sadar Police Station, alleging that he gave Nurul gold ornaments weighing around 400 grams to deliver those to his family, however, Nurul didn't deliver all of it.

On Friday evening, the DB team reached Nurul's house and got into an argument and scuffle with the female members of his family.

A video footage of the incident went viral on social media. At one point, SI Rezaul is seen pointing a pistol at the head of Nurul's wife, Bonna Begum.

Talking to our local correspondent, Bonna said the family of Quddus framed her husband, as he did not make Quddus a partner in his business in Saudi Arabia.

"During a family gathering, five to six people in plainclothes arrived and started searching the

house. As my daughter screamed in fear, a DB man hit her on the head with a gun, leaving her injured.

"As I protested, the DB official pointed a pistol at my forehead and later fired a blank round. We want a fair trial of this incident."

Nuru's brother Sarwar Alam said Quddus, while in Saudi Arabia, did not give gold to his brother directly, rather, a middleman gave the gold to him to hand over to the family.

"My brother handed over the amount of gold that he got from the middleman. If something happened, it was done by the middleman, not by my brother," he said, adding that they had conveyed the same message to Sadar police after a case was filed against Nurul.

SI Rezaul said DB Inspector Mofazzal Ali, along with a constable, first went there to arrest the accused, but he was prevented from searching by family members.

"Later, I went there, and they misbehaved with me and helped the accused escape. This led to a scuffle with them," he said.

"I did not point a firearm at anyone. I was holding the firearm, and my hand went in that direction due to the scuffle," he claimed.



"Our country stands at a crossroads."

Says UK PM Rishi Sunak citing Russia's war in Europe, Iran's firing of missiles in the ME.

AFGHAN FLOODS

Survivors
hunt for the
missing

WHO warns of rising cases of water-borne diseases

AFP, Fulool

Survivors of flash floods in Afghanistan's northern Baghlan province were still searching for the missing yesterday, days after torrents of water ripped through villages, killing hundreds.

Heavy rains sparked flash flooding in multiple Afghan provinces on Friday, killing more than 300 people in Baghlan alone, UN agencies and Taliban officials said.

Rescue workers and aid have been struggling to reach some of the worst affected areas with World Health Organization echoing Taliban government and non-profit organisations warnings that the death toll could rise significantly. Samiullah Omari found the bodies of seven of his relatives.

"We have been searching but we haven't found them," the 24-year-old day labourer told AFP in his village of Fulool.

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INVITATION FOR TENDER

1. Procuring Entity	Chittagong Dry Dock Ltd
2. Invitation for	Tender Documents For Mobile Hydraulic Crane (Capacity 30-35 Tons)-01 nos (Detail Technical Specifications Mentioned in Tender Document)
3. Reference No	23.02.1565.341.53.006.24.1021 Date: 12 May 2024
4. Tender Closing	10 July 2024 at 12.15 PM
5. Tender Opening	10 July 2024 at 12.30 PM

N.B. All other relevant terms and conditions are available at CDDL website (www.cddl.gov.bd)

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Invitation for e-tender notice

1. Ministry/Division	Local Government Division
2. Implementing Agency	Department of Public Health Engineering
3. Project/Program Name	Revenue Budget
4. e-Tender IDs and Package no:	984644 and Package no.: MBTW1509
5. Description of works	Installation of 40 Nos. Shallow Tubewell with #6 pump at the house built for the landless and homeless families for Mujib Borsho (4th Phase) at different Upazillas in Sirajganj District under Revenue Budget of DPHE during the FY 2023-2024.
6. Name, designation & Address of official Inviting Tender	Name: Md. Rokonujjaman Executive Engineer Sirajganj District, Sirajganj Tel. No.: 02-588831838, E-mail: ee.sirajganj@dphe.gov.bd
7. Information	This is online tender, where only e-tenders will be accepted in the national e-GP portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. Interested persons/firms can see details in the website: www.eprocure.gov.bd.

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S.L No.	Tender No. & Date	Name of the Item	Cost of Tender Schedule
01.	EDCL(Dhaka)/Pur./Press Ten/2024/198 Date: 13/05/2024	158 (One hundred fifty eight) Pcs CC Camera. For Store Deptt. & Nasrin Tower at EDCL, Dhaka Plant. (Details as per Tender Schedule)	Tk. 1,250.00/set (Non-refundable)

Tender schedule will be sold from the Accounts Department of Essential Drugs Company Limited, Dhaka on payment as stated above during office hours on all working days (except Friday, Saturday and Govt. Holidays). No tender schedule will be sold on the opening date of the tender.

The Tenders may drop their offer in tender box kept at the Procurement Department, EDCL, Dhaka office till 12.00 noon on 27/05/2024 which will be opened on 27/05/2024 at 12.30 PM in Presence at the tenderers/Their representatives (if any).

The tender will be accompanied by an amount of Earnest Money @ 2.5% through of Bank Draft/Pay Order from any Schedule Bank of Bangladesh in favour of "Essential Drugs Company Limited" without which the tender will be considered as non-responsive.

Essential Drugs Company Limited authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason whatsoever.

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